

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 11-15 are pending in this application. Claim 11, which is independent, has been amended. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,459,511 to Haneda.

Applicants note that the Office Action states, "Koyama teaches a picture data printing apparatus wherein all of the claimed circuitry is either explicitly or inherently taught..."

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is entitled to the Japanese priority filing date of August 30, 1996. This priority date antedates the February 24, 1997 §371 date to which U.S. Patent No. 5,978,551 to Koyama is entitled. In view of the earlier

effective filing date of the present application, Koyama is not available as prior art with respect hereto.

If, as Applicants assume, that the cited portion (Column 17, line 44 – Column 19, line 2) as stated in the Office Action, is directed to U.S. Pat. No. 6,459,511 to Haneda (hereinafter, merely “Haneda”), instead of Koyama, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...a character data generating means for generating a character data concerning control of said video data;

a display means for displaying a picture of the video data stored in said storage means and the character data generated by said character data generating means; and

a printing means for printing said picture displayed on said display means based on said character data,

wherein, said picture and said character are displayed on said display means, said character is displayed with being rotated relative to said picture.” (emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited portions of Haneda do not teach or suggest the above-identified features of independent claim 11. Specifically, Applicants submit that Haneda fails to teach or suggest a video processing apparatus comprising a character data generating means for generating a character data concerning control of said video data, a display means for displaying a picture of the video data stored in said storage means and the character data generated by said character data generating means, and a printing means for printing said picture displayed on said display means based on said character data, wherein, said picture and said character are displayed on said display means, said character is displayed with being rotated relative to said picture.

Therefore, independent claim 11 is believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

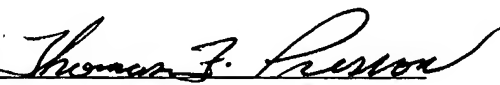
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate the portion, or portions, of the reference, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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